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14 Sri Kasiviswanathar temple, Vellur.

15 Sri Varadarajar temple, Vengarai.

16 Sri Chokkanathar and Meenakshiamman temple, Solasivamani.

17 Sri Venkaraiamman temple, Vengarai.

18. Sri Kanni Mariamman Karuppannaswamy temple, Valyapatty.

19 Sri Chenrayaperumal temple, Pagalpatty.

20 Sri Kaliamman temple, Sukkampatty.

21 Sri Jalakandeeswarar temple, Kaveripuram.

22 Sri Venugopalaswamy temple, Shevapet.

23 Sri Harihara Devalayam, Shevapet.

24 Sri Mariamman temple, Kurumbur.

25 Sri Chinna Mariamman temple, Salem.

26 Sri Mariamman temple, Vinayagar Thathagappatty.

27 Sri Thimmarayaperumal temple, Kaiyannaichampatti.

28 Sri Drowpathiamman temple, Idapadi.

29 Sri Ponkaliamman temple, Unjaudi.

30 Sri Salhamannan Mariamman temple, Rasipuram.

31 Sri Theerthagiriswar temple, Vennathur.

APPENDIX IV.

Vide answer to starred question No. 700 asked by Sri M. Kalyanasundaram at the Legislative Assembly held on 26th July 1962, page 390 supra.]

The Ministerial Committee constituted under the aegis of the Southern Zonal Council, has formulated certain safeguards to be afforded to the linguistic minorities in the States in the Southern Zone. The recommendations of the Ministerial Committee as approved by the Southern Zonal Council are embodied in the proceedings of this Government Order Ms. No. 1281, Public (Partition), dated 11th August 1960. A copy of the above order was placed on the table of the House in the year 1961.

2. Orders for implementing the recommendations relating to the provision of educational facilities for the linguistic minorities in this State were issued as early as in February 1961. The Government have ordered therein among some other things that all Primary Schools should maintain a register of applications from parents belonging to the linguistic minority groups for admission of their chidren in schools for a period of three months ending a fortnight before the commencement of the school year. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to state whether this has been implemented. His report is awaited.

On the question of use of minority languages for official purposes, the 'local areas' in this State where 20 per cent or more of the population of that area speak a language diffent from

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the majority language of the State, viz., Tamil, have been specified and the Heads of Departments and Collectors have been informed that the decision for the use of minority languages for certain official purposes should be effectively implemented by taking the following steps in these ' local areas ' :—

(i) All important Government notices and Rules, Electoral Rolls, etc., should be published in the minority language or languages.

(ii) Forms, etc., to be used by the public should be printed both in the regional language and in the minority language.

(iii) Facilities for registration of documents in the minority language should be permitted.

(iv) Correspondence with Government Offices in the minority language should be permitted.

(v) Permission should be given to file documents in the minority languages in the Courts in the area.

It has also been ordered that the officers to be posted in these ' local areas ' should as far as possible, be persons who possess adequate knowledge of the minority language of that area. The Government have clarified in respect of item (iv) above that in these bilingual and multilingual areas, Government officers should, as far as practicable, arrange to address official replies to any person, whose mother-tongue is different from the official language, in the language in which such person sent his representation provided that it is one of the languages recognised for the purpose and specified by Government.

Regarding item (i) above, the Government have called for a report from the Collectors and the Heads of Departments as to the number of notices published by them in the local areas, in the minority languages. The reports have not been completely received. The question of publication of Electoral Rolls in the minority languages is proposed to be taken up for examination after the 1961 census figures become available.

Executive instructions have been issued to the appointing authorities in this State including the Madras Public Service Commission that all non-Tamilian candidates in this State who have passed the examination qualifying for the post for which recruitment is to be made, from an educational institution in this State, should be permitted to apply for any post in this State, notwithstanding that at the time of such application, he does not possess adequate knowledge of Tamil within the meaning of the General Rules, subject to the conditions that the selected candidate should pass the Second-Class Language Test in Tamil, within the time prescribed for the completion of probation.

With reference to the decision that the standard of the test in the regional languages should be a matter of common agreement between all the four States, this Government have already moved the other three State Governments in this regard and the matter is still under correspondence.

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The Southern Zonal Council has suggested the formation of a Standing Committee consisting of Ministerial representatives from the four Southern States, viz., Madras, Mysore, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh for resolving any difficulties that might arise in the implementation of the decisions. This Government have nominated the Minister for Finance to represent them in the Standing Committee.

At the instance of the Government of India, this Government are reviewing once in every two months the progress relating to the safeguards afforded to the linguistic minorities, and communicating copies thereof to the Commissioner for Lingustic Minorities, for information.

The Deputy Secretary to Government, Public (Elections) Department has been designated by Government as the "Linguistic Minorities Officer" in the Secretariat for co-ordinating the work connected with safeguards guaranteed to the linguistic minorities under the Constitution.

The District Collectors have been designated as Linguistic Minority Officers for the Districts and they will be in over-all charge of the work rleating to safeguards for linguistic minorities within their jurisdiction.

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